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STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

Applicants file this statement to the Interview Summary mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 12, 2006.¹ Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview on September 26, 2005, during which Applicants discussed the support in the specification to overcome the new matter rejection of the pending claims. The Examiner acknowledged that the specification provided literal support for claims directed to drug discovery; however, appeared to indicate that the support was found only in the context of a specific type of receptor. In response, Applicants argued that the specific type of receptor referred to by the Examiner was exemplary and that the Applicants should be entitled to a broader claim to the generic method.

¹ February 12, 2006, fell on a Sunday. Applicants note that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has mailed three copies of the Interview Summary (mailed on December 27, 2005, January 5, 2006, and January 12, 2006). Accordingly, this statement is responsive to all three Interview Summaries.

method. The Examiner indicated that narrower claims to a drug discovery method in the context of the specific receptor may be allowable; however, should the Applicants wish to pursue broader claims, the Examiner suggested filing an Appeal Brief instead of a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicants filed an Appeal Brief on October 5, 2005, on the basis of the pending claims.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with the submission of this paper; however, should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 12-0080 referencing Attorney Docket No. ATX-007CP4DV12.

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